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Name	Birthdate	Dates Elected		Present Position	General Responsibilities*
		Full Member	Candidate Member		
Full Members					
Mikhail Sergeyevich GORBACHEV	2 Mar 31	Oct 80	Nov 79	General Secretary (Mar 85)	Party Leadership and Supervision
Geydar Aliyevich ALIYEV	10 May 23	Nov 82	Mar 76	First Deputy Chairman, USSR Council of Ministers (Nov 82)	Transportation, Education, Consumer Industry
Viktor Mikhaylovich CHEBRIKOV	27 Apr 23	Apr 85	Dec 83	Chairman, Committee for State Security (Dec 82)	Intelligence, Security
Andrey Andreyevich GROMYKO	18 Jul 09	Apr 73		Chairman, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium (Jul 85)	Head of State
Yegor Kuz'mich LIGACHEV	29 Nov 20	Apr 85		Party Secretary (Dec 83)	Ideology, Party Personnel
Nikolay Ivanovich RYZHKOV	28 Sep 29	Apr 85		Chairman, USSR Council of Ministers (Sept 85)	USSR Government and Economic Administration
Vladimir Vasil'yevich SHCHERBITSKIY	17 Feb 18	Apr 71	Dec 65***	Ukrainian First Secretary (May 72)	Ukrainian Party Supervision
Eduard Amvrosiyevich SHEVARDNADZE	25 Jan 28	Jul 85	Nov 78	Minister of Foreign Affairs (Jul 85)	Foreign Relations
Mikhail Sergeyevich SOLOMENTSEV	7 Nov 13	Dec 83	Nov 71	Chairman, Party Control Committee (Jun 83)	Party Discipline
Vitaliy Ivanovich VOROTNIKOV	20 Jan 26	Dec 83	Jun 83	Chairman, RSFSR Council of Ministers (Jun 83)	RSFSR Government and Economic Administration
Lev Nikolayevich ZAYKOV	3 Apr 23	Mar 86		Party Secretary (Jul 85)	Defense Industry, General Economics
Candidate Members					
Petr Nilovich DEMICHEV	3 Jan 18		Nov 64	First Deputy Chairman, USSR Supreme Soviet Présidium (Jun 86)	General State Relations
Vladimir Ivanovich DOLGIKH	5 Dec 24		May 82	Party Secretary (Dec 72)	Energy, Heavy Industry
Nikolay Nikitovich SLYUN'KOV	26 Apr 29		Mar 86	Party Secretary (Jan 87)	General Economics
Sergey Leonidovich SOKOLOV	1 Jul 11		Apr 85	Minister of Defense (Dec 84)	Defense
Yuriy Filippovich SOLOV'YEV	20 Aug 25		Mar 86	Leningrad Oblast First Secretary (Jul 85)	Leningrad Regional Supervision
Nikolay Vladimirovich TALYZIN	28 Jan 29		Oct 85	Chairman, Gosplan (Oct 85); First Deputy Chairman, Council of Ministers (Oct 85)	Economic Planning
Aleksandr Nikolayevich YAKOVLEV	2 Dec 23		Jan 87	Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Ideology, Propaganda, Culture
Boris Nikolayevich YEL'TSIN	Jan 31		Feb 86	Moscow City First Secretary (Dec 85)	Moscow City Supervision
Secretaries who are not on the Politburo					
Aleksandra Pavlovna BIRYUKOVA	25 Feb 29			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Light Industry, Consumer Goods
Anatoliy Fedorovich DOBRYNIN	16 Nov 19			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Foreign Affairs
Anatoliy Ivanovich LUK'YANOV	7 May 30			Party Secretary (Jan 87)	Party Administration, Legal & Security Organs
Vadim Andreyevich MEDVEDEV	29 Mar 29			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Bloc Relations
Viktor Petrovich NIKONOV	28 Feb 29			Party Secretary (Apr 85)	Agriculture
Georgiy Petrovich RAZUMOVSKIY	19 Jan 36			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Party Personnel

*General policy responsibilities have been assumed on the basis of public activities and backgrounds.

**Excludes a previous stint in this position.

***Does not account for previous tenure as a candidate Politburo member.

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